

## Message Text

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FOR SECRETARY FROM GELB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, UN, CCD, OVIP (VANCE)

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: DRAFT TATEMENT FOR ENMOD

SIGNING (S/S NO.7712643)

1. THIS MEMO ASKS YOUR APPROVAL FOR THE STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED AT ENMOD SIGNING CEREMONY.
2. YOU HAVE AGREED THAT ONLY THE UN SYG WOULD SPEAK DURING THE CEREMONY AND THAT OTHER PRINCIPALS COULD MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO THE MEDIA FOLLOWING CEREMONIES, BUT OUTSIDE THE MEETING HALL.

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3. YOU COULD EITHER ORALLY GIVE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT YOURSELF, OR ELSE SAY NO MORE THAN A FEW WORDS AND HAVE THE STATEMENT ISSUED IN WRITING BY THE PRESS SPOKESMAN. WE RECOMMEND A WRITTEN STATEMENT BECAUSE IT TAKES LESS OF YOUR TIME AND WOULD NOT REQUIRE YOU FOR REASONS OF COURTESY TO LISTEN TO ALL THE OTHER STATEMENTS.

ORAL STATEMENT

WRITTEN STATEMENT

4. BEGIN TEXT OF PROPOSED STATEMENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I AM PLEASED TO SIGN THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES. IT IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT THAT THIS CEREMONY IS TAKING PLACE HERE IN GENEVA, WHERE FOR A DECADE AND A HALF DEDICATED OFFICIALS HAVE LABORED TO BRING THE GOAL OF DISARMAMENT CLOSER TO REALITY. THIS CONVENTION WAS NEGOTIATED IN THIS CITY BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT, AND IS AN ACHIEVEMENT TO BE ADDED TO OTHER SIGNIFICANT ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS SUCH AS THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY AND THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION.

WHILE THE INTENTIONAL MODIFICATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AT PRESENT CAN BE DONE ONLY ON A LOCAL AND SMALL SCALE AT BEST, WE SCARCELY NEED REMIND OURSELVES THAT IN OUR ERA TECHNOLOGY CAN ADVANCE TO MAKE POSSIBLE ACTIONS WHICH WOULD CAUSE HITHERTO INCONCEIVABLE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES. SO WE BELIEVE IT WISE TO OUTLAW WHAT IS COMMONLY CALLED "ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE," BEFORE IT HAS A REAL CHANCE TO BE DEVELOPED SIGNIFICANTLY FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, WITH POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES.

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THE CONVENTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT RESEARCH ON AND DEVELOPMENT OF, OR THE USE OF, ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THE US EARNESTLY DESIRES THAT ALL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES BE DEDICATED SOLELY TO PEACEFUL ENDS. TO THIS END, AS WE HAVE MADE CLEAR IN THE PAST, WE HAVE NO SECRETS IN THIS AREA: ALL OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION ARE CARRIED OUT ON AN OPEN BASIS AND THE INFORMATION IS SHARED WITH OTHERS.

IN THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES, THE EFFECT OF THE CONVENTION SHOULD BE TO ELIMINATE THE DANGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE BECAUSE IT PROHIBITS ALL SIGNIFICANT HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES. ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT TERMS, THE CONVENTION LIMITS THE PROHIBITION TO THOSE USES HAVING "WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE EFFECTS. THE UNITED STATES WILL BE PREPARED TO REEXAMINE THIS LIMITATION ON THE SCOPE OF THE CONVENTION AT THE

REVIEW CONFERENCE OR POSSIBLY BEFORE.

I WISH TO EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS MY OWN PERSONAL SATISFACTION, FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN ON THIS OCCASION. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF OUR ARMS CONTROL ENDEAVORS

THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS BEEN DESIGNATED THE DEPOSITARY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION; MOREOVER, HE HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IF A QUESTION ARISES FOR WHICH THE FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS MUST BE CONVENED. THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THIS NEW EVIDENCE OF CONFIDENCE AND TRUST WHICH NATIONS HAVE DEMONSTRATED IN THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

IN SIGNING THIS CONVENTION, I HOPE THAT ALL OTHER STATES DO LIKEWISE. END TEXT.

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APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

5. CLEARANCES: DRAFTED BY PM/DCA:PSCHOETTLE AND ACDA/MA: PIERCE CORDEN; APPROVED BY PM/DCA VBAKER; CLEARANCES: L/PM - J ROHWER; ACDA/MA - P. CORDEN; S/P - W. GATHWRIGHT; IO/UNP - D MACUK; D - D LAMB. THE STATEMENT ITSELF HAS BEEN ADDITIONALLY CLEARED BY D D. LAMB; EUR/SOV - J. GLASSMAN; OES - H. SPIELMAN; ACDA - L SLOSS; OSD/ISA - L. DAVIS; NSC - J. TUCHMAN. CHRISTOPHER

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